

# Executive Proclamation

## State of South Dakota

### Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Stepfamilies and stepparents are the largest growing social phenomena in the country; and,

WHEREAS, There are more than 1,000 new stepfamilies formed daily in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, It is estimated that by 1990, the number of stepfamily and single parent households will be greater than the number of traditional families in America; and,

WHEREAS, It is appropriate to give state recognition to the unique role assumed by stepparents and to increase public awareness of the special needs and concerns experienced by these individuals; and,

WHEREAS, Setting aside a specified day to recognize stepparents creates a new tie between child and stepparent; and,

WHEREAS, Designating a special day for stepparents would give public validation and affirmation to this special group of individuals by focusing on the love, time, and personal commitment that stepparents unselfishly give to help raise, educate and develop the children of other people;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 4, 1987, as

STEPPARENTS DAY

in South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-Third Day of September, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Seven

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

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JAMES H. HELTNER, SECRETARY OF STATE